

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for removing hair comprising:
 - (i) applying to an area of skin from which hair is to be removed a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a lipophilic material; and
 - 5 (ii) applying onto the pretreated area of skin a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to allow removal.
2. The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, natural or synthetic esters, silicones and mixtures
10 thereof.
3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the lipophilic material is mineral oil.
4. The method according to claim 1 wherein the keratin degrading agent is a thioglycolate salt.
5. The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is
15 applied for at least about one minute prior to application of the depilatory composition.
6. The method according to claim 1 wherein the skin pretreatment composition is applied for at least five minutes prior to applying the depilatory composition.

7. A kit for removal of hair from an area of skin comprising:
- (a) a skin pretreatment product comprising:
 - (i) a skin pretreatment composition that comprises a lipophilic material; and
 - 5 (ii) a carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition onto the area of skin;
 - (b) a depilatory product comprising:
 - (i) a depilatory composition comprising a keratin degrading agent in an effective amount to chemically react with hair to
 - 10 allow wipe away removal; and
 - (ii) a carrier for delivering the depilatory composition onto the area of skin subsequent to delivery of the pretreatment composition;
 - 15 (c) instructions to apply the skin pretreatment product to an area of skin requiring removal of hair followed by an application of the depilatory product over the area of skin covered by the pretreatment product.
8. The kit according to claim 7 wherein the carrier for delivering the skin pretreatment composition is a textile.
- 20 9. The kit according to claim 8 wherein the textile is a glove.
10. The kit according to claim 7 wherein the depilatory and skin pretreatment compositions are applied from their respective carriers in weight ratios ranging from about 100:1 to about 1:100.